

CLAIMS

1-21. (cancelled)

22. (new) A method for improving efficiency of file receipt in a communication program, said method comprising:

 sending a request for a first file from a communication program; and

 in response to determining said predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has expired, said communication program encapsulating said first file in a message transmission and sending said message transmission to a target address.

23. (new) The method according to Claim 22, further comprising:

 in response to determining a predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has not expired, displaying said first file in said communication program.

24. (new) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:

 responsive to said predetermined length of time expiring, detecting whether a user prefers to continue waiting for said first file.

25. (new) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:

 designating a first email address as said target address.

26. (new) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:

 designating a second email address as said target address.

27. (new) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:

 adjusting said predetermined length of time in response to a task priority of said communication program.

28. (new) The method of Claim 27, wherein said adjusting further includes:

temporarily and dynamically adjusting said predetermined length of time, in response to determining said communication program is deselected as a foreground task running on a data processing system.

29. (new) A system for improving efficiency of file receipt in a communication program, said system comprising:

means for sending a request for a first file from a communication program; and

means for encapsulating said first file in a message transmission by said communication program and sending said message transmission to a target address, in response to determining said predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has expired.

30. (new) The system according to Claim 29, further comprising:

means for displaying said first file in said communication program, in response to determining a predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has not expired.

31. (new) The system of Claim 29, further comprising:

means for detecting whether a user prefers to continue waiting for said first file, responsive to said predetermined length of time expiring.

32. (new) The system of Claim 29, further comprising:

means for designating a first email address as said target address.

33. (new) The system of Claim 32, further comprising:

means for designating a second email address as said target address.

34. (new) The system of Claim 29, further comprising:

means for adjusting said predetermined length of time in response to a task priority of said communication program.

35. (new) The system of Claim 34, wherein said means for adjusting further includes:

means for temporarily and dynamically adjusting said predetermined length of time, in response to determining said communication program is deselected as a foreground task running on a data processing system.

36. (new) A computer-usable medium embodying computer program code, said computer program code comprising computer-executable instructions configured for:

sending a request for a first file from a communication program; and

in response to determining said predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has expired, encapsulating said first file in a message transmission by said communication program and sending said message transmission to a target address.

37. (new) The computer-usable medium of Claim 36, further comprising:

in response to determining a predetermined length of time from when said request is sent has not expired, displaying said first file in said communication program.

38. (new) The computer-usable medium according to Claim 36, wherein said embodied computer program code further comprises computer-executable instructions configured for:

responsive to said predetermined length of time expiring, detecting whether a user prefers to continue waiting for said first file.

39. (new) The computer-usable medium according to Claim 36, wherein said embodied computer program code further comprises computer-executable instructions configured for:

designating a first email address as said target address.

40. (new) The computer-usable medium according to Claim 39, wherein said embodied computer program code further comprises computer-executable instructions configured for:

designating a second email address as said target address.

41. (new) The computer-usable medium according to Claim 36, wherein said embodied computer program code further comprises computer-executable instructions configured for:

adjusting said predetermined length of time in response to a task priority of said communication program.

42. (new) The computer-usable medium according to Claim 41, wherein said embodied computer program code further comprises computer-executable instructions configured for:

temporarily and dynamically adjusting said predetermined length of time, in response to determining said communication program is deselected as a foreground task running on a data processing system.